

THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR 20-0054-RAJ
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Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
v.)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
)	PLEA HEARING VIA
THOMASINA GALLISHAW,)	VIDEOCONFERENCE
A/K/A THOMASINA LUNDY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Ms. Gallishaw would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Ms. Gallishaw wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Ms. Gallishaw believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

1 (d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the
2 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
3 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion (Dkt. # 4) is GRANTED. The
5 parties are directed to schedule a plea via videoconference before the criminal-duty
6 magistrate judge at a mutually agreeable date and time.

7 DATED this 15th day of April, 2021.

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10 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
11 United States District Judge
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